

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 15097US01)**

In the Application of:

Darwin Rambo

Serial No.: 10/688,443

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For: DETECTOR FOR USE IN VOICE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

Examiner: Martin Lerner

Group Art Unit: 2626

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This correspondence is in reply to a restriction requirement that requests an election of claims. This restriction requirement was mailed on February 20, 2008, having a period of reply through March 20, 2008. The Examiner has restricted the pending claims into six groups: Group I (Claims 1-18, 66-71, and 89-94), Group II (Claims 1-4, 19-21, 72-74, and 101-103), and Group III (Claims 1-4, 22-25, and 75-78), Group IV (Claims 1-4, 26-36, and 79-88), Group V (Claims 1-4 and 37-51), and Group VI (Claims 1-4, 52-65, and 95-100).

Applicant's representative had contacted the Examiner on March 5, 2008 to determine why a restriction requirement was being made after a second Office Action (dated July 26, 2007)

had indicated that Claims 37-46, 48-51, and 66-88 were allowed, and that Claims 5-8, 10-13, 15-25, 27-36 and 57-65 were objected to (as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims). After discussing the reasons for a restriction requirement, the newly assigned Examiner maintained that the six-way restriction was proper. Furthermore, the Examiner also indicated that he believed the claims of Group V would be allowable, if elected. Therefore, to advance the Application to allowance, an election has been made to prosecute the claims of Group V, as presented in the Listing of the Claims which follows.